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THE ANTI-LYNCHING BILL.

CONGRESS SHOULD LEGISLATE AGAINST SUCH CRIMES.

The Negro Yet a Slave—The Federation's Error—Must the Poor, Fawning Negro Expect Nothing? A Nation to be Heard.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

In your issue of the February 1st, 1896, in your editorial comment upon the address to the people, issued by the late conference of colored men, held at Detroit, Mich., and presented to the House of Representatives in the United States Congress, assembled, by the Hon. John B. Corliss of the First District of Michigan, you write: "The wisdom of seeking aid from the general government is likely to be doubted. It seems a matter that rests entirely within the jurisdiction of the States. South Carolina has acted upon this theory, and has passed an anti-lynching bill." Strange views for a colored man to utter—a journalist of eminent ability, and a defender of his race against oppression. But stranger still, when viewed in the light of history. The doubt raised by you, Mr. Editor, was the said doubt entertained of the right of the national government to abolish slavery. It was said by those who held, that slavery was recognized, and upheld by the constitution, that slavery was local, and the jurisdiction over it, belonged to the States exclusively, and this was believed until Garrison, Lovejoy, Sumner and Douglass, by their powerful arraignment of that most cruel institution, declared it a national wrong, and dispelled the idea by their earnest plea. O, that I was a Sumner or Douglass to do likewise, in regard to a worse evil than slavery, the deprivation of human life without authority of law. It is not lynching per se, as murder that the federation seeks to ask Congress to legislate against, and declare a crime against a United States citizen, but the lynchers to trial, it is a State without a Republican form of government, and its conduct is the legitimate business of Congress.

I know I will be told that the constitution provides a mode for such an infraction, but let us first establish the offense, and then seek the remedy afterwards. While it is conceded that a difference of opinion is yours and every others right in this matter, I deeply regret, that we should endeavor to furnish evidence against our cause voluntarily. You may say, such is advice; but the enemy will consider it confession. The Fugitive Slave Law enacted, was to control local properity, belonging to an individual in a certain state. To all recognized law of personal property, it was right; yet Congress ultimately took cognizance of it, as destructive of constitutional, as well as human rights. It was sometime before the conscience of the nation was awakened to this evil, and many thought that "the wisdom of seeking aid from the National Government is (was) likely to be doubted." Yet petitions by the thousands was sent to Congress until the evil was ultimately destroyed. Constitutional lawyers then, as now, stuck to the letter, and disregarded the spirit of the constitution, which said and meant when it said "That no person shall be deprived of life etc., without due process of law," that the wond person meant black and white alike. It may be urged that the state constitutions do not recognize lynching. True, not in words, neither did the constitution of the United States recognize slavery in express terms; but the slave holder contended for a construction upon its intent, why not we, for a construction of the intent of the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments? But space forbids further argument. Senator Sumner's advice to the Negro, when he was struggling for the passage of the Civil Rights Bill, another bill thought to be of doubtful constitutionality, was to agitate, agitate, agitate. This is with what the federation will do, in and out of Congress, in conjunction with other good men, seeking our relief.

To lynch is more, Mr. Editor, than to murder. It is the law of the revolutionist, against good government and constitutional rights. He who slays his brother, violates the law, but the usual murderer does not use the method of the lyncher. Against him the indictment charges malice aforethought, if we give the lyncher the benefit of this he can only be convicted of manslaughter, because of sudden passion; but he is more than the violator of a statute, he is the defier of the right of trial by jury, and when the State fails to punish him, it disregards its own constitution, and the organic law of the land. I agree with you that public opinion must be reached, but ultimately this must be made law before it can be enforced. Our citizenship is dual. It is that of the state, as well as the general government. A denial of the rights there under, is the legitimate business of either or both jurisdictions, and it is giving away our cause to say, Congress has no power. Why? Because it is not expressed in the constitution? Oh, for a Ben Wade in Congress, who in searching for protection to human rights said: "He was ready to camp outside the constitution to find it."

The Supreme Court in construing property rights, as to taxation on personal property has been elastic enough to reverse itself in the same cause, within three months. It may, and I hope it will find the same desire to reverse it on the Civil Rights Bill, and to further declare that as to lynching a citizen the United States has a right upon proper petition, to transfer to its jurisdiction, an offense which is equally one against the life of one of its subjects as against the state. This is my humble opinion as an humble lawyer. It is new and perhaps novel, but after all may be right.

Again "The Statesman Exponent" as quoted by you, says, "The federation has made a mistake in having a commitee of prominent colored men, call upon the Republican National Executive Committee, at its meeting in June next at St. Louis, and request a plank inserted in the Republican platform against lynching, and suggests that federation had better apply to the Democratic Convention at Chicago," and you endorse this. It is scarcely to be considered, as serious, when reflecting upon existing conditions. Where are lynchers to be found? Are they not where ballot box stuffing, fraudulent elections, Ku-klux Clans and Jim Crow cars are to be found, namely, in Democratic States in the South, except where the contagion affects some places in the North? Shall we send the lamb to the wolf for nursing? Are we to offer ourselves to the Democracy as supporting it, for its protection against lynching? Aye, bend the suppliant knee that thrift may follow fawning no, never. The right the Negro expects from the Democratic party, as well as the Republican is to be based on his citizenship and his equal rights under the law. The Republican party is the rightful party to protect us now, as it formerly did until the Democratic party shall find in its conscience, the right to do likewise. The Federation Committee will not remain at home; nor will it cease to do its work at the bidding of those, who fear to seek protection to the rights of the Negro, for fear even of failing in their effort. The Negro is yet in slavery, a worse bondage than chatteldom, which gave protection to life, for the benefit of the Master. The voice of the nation must be heard. Let it say aye or nay, but shall not remain silent, while the federation exist. We expect denial, indifference, charge of audacity, hoodwinking by a syren song of "no power, no authority," but we shall knock, knock, knock until the ears and hearts of the American people shall be reached, and protection secured our lives, our liberty and our property. Dear Mr. Editor, do not expect of me a newspaper controversy. I have not time. I am done.

In regard to the anti-lynching law, lately passed by the South Carolina Legislature, I look upon it as a false light to both the Negro, and his sympathizer in the cruel wrong done of lynching him.

This law is a tax upon the tax payer, who is not always the wrong doer. Is it to be supposed, that he will render a verdict against a country, of which he is a taxpayer, and which will be in effect rendering a verdict against himself? No, never. Again, is it not likely that the jury of some portion of them will either be the wrong doer or the sympathizer with the lynchers? And yet how readily, we accept such a law, as a remedy against lynching. But the intention is good, says one. I hope so, but I remember that the late Governor Tillman, now U. S. Senator from South Carolina, openly avowed his purpose to head anybody of lynchers of a colored man for rape, he of course excluded all other offenses. He undoubtedly controls South Carolina politics; so that the men of good intent as Hampton, the Haskels and others have no voice, and I have no faith in Tillman, nor his follower's good intent, as to the anti-lynching law. Are you welcome to it Mr. Editor.

Very truly yours,
D. AUGUSTUS STRAKER.

EX-CONSUL JOHN L. WALLER,
Soon to be released from the French prison—see fourth page.

Boiler Explosion.

Clarendon, Ark., Special.

Our town was considerably excited over the explosion of a boiler that was being used in repairing the bridge over White river. No one was seriously injured. W. M. Albicrumbly, the foreman, was burned slightly, and another man was blown quite a distance. A. J. White will have the nicest house in town when completed. H. C. Ellison is doing the finishing work. E. F. Berry is building an addition to his dwelling. Mrs. T. L. Sandus is sewing for the public. The Caloway family have moved to the northern part of the city. Mattie Milan is still sick. Miss Mary McChristian has returned to her home in Brinkley. Miss Fannie Martin was in the city Saturday. Rev. Pair was in the city Saturday. The small pox at this writing is declining. On the 6th there was forty cases at Holly Grove, and only three deaths. None at Clarendon. Laura Burns has returned from Helena. Mr. Russell is not expected to live at this writing. Wm. Orr spent last week in the country. Mrs. Bettie Guiden was in the city Saturday visiting her mother. John Bondry will soon have his house ready to occupy.

"Dull Town."

Mineola, Tex., Special.

Our town is very dull this week. Jas. J. Holmes is in Tyler, Tex. Mrs. Lucy Mead went to Emria, Tex., on the 7th. W. C. Carter, of Tyler, Tex., is in our town on school business.

A Successful Teacher.

Lakeland, Fla., Special.

The Lakeland school taught by Prof. C. C. Johnson closed its term this year on the 31st prox. A very neat program was rendered on the occasion, part one being devoted to the examination and part two to the concert. At 9 o'clock the school was opened and examination commenced. The pupils acquitted themselves very creditably. The marvelous improvement made within the last five months demonstrates the fact that Prof. Johnson threw his whole soul with all his energies in the work from start to finish. Examinations over, all retired to the banks of Lake Beulah, where a large dinner was spread by the patrons of the school. Prominent among the patrons and visitors were Mrs. Conyers, Mrs. Cherry, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Boyd, Rev. and Mrs. Gant, Mrs. Alison, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. N. Lagem, Mrs. Jane Butts, Mrs. S. A. Adams and many others.

In the evening the public was treated to a fine concert. Every child acted in full dress costume, girls in pink blouses and white skirts. The Lord's prayer sung to music with children in tableaux altitude was very affecting. The addresses of welcome by Masters L. Bishop, Henry Night, Arthur Clemons, and Robert Williams elicited much applause. The two most affecting recitations and most perfect in every detail was that rendered by Eunice Johnson, "Curfew Must Not Ring To-night," and that by Leona Gant, "How Kate Shelly Crossed the Bridge." Dialogues entitled, "Baby Show," "Spelling Match," "Keeping Your Eyes Open," and the free drill with music by Mrs. S. A. Adams were also special features of this thoroughly enjoyable exhibition. This is Prof. Johnson's first term here and every patron wants him returned.

Approves our Recommendation.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

I have read your editorial of the 1st, inst., on "Federal Authority." There need be no controversy as to where our petition should first be made. So grave is the Negro problem that petition must be made to the general, state and municipal governments before we shall enjoy the complete citizenship we seek. The Memorial presented to Congress is but the commencement of the effort which we trust will be made all along the line. We heartily approve your recommendation of action by the states, if this action was not given precedence. We are pleased to see the Negro journals of the country discuss the feasibility of any ways and means proposed to aid in the solution of the race problem. Its proper solution will require our united effort. Let us not allow any differences of opinion as to method of procedure to defeat our chief aim. Upon the main issue we are all agreed.

JAS. M. HENDERSON.
Detroit, Mich.

RICHARD GREENER REPLIES

TO EDITOR HACKLEY'S ARTICLE ON THE ADDRESS OF THE

Late Conference—Negro Citizenship a Farce—Manhood is More Important than Money—Public Sentiment is Not Law.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

In your issue of the 25th ult., Edwin Hackley of Colorado, in an able, and truly legal article, refers plainly but courteously to the "Address of the Late Conference," which I, as the author, feel in duty bound to explain. There is always pleasure and instruction in arguing with gentlemen and men who know what they are writing or talking about. It is only on rare occasions I bother with the other class. For twenty odd years I have studied constitutional questions. I know the various theories of our governmental interpretation. I have gone over the early debates, and I know the phases of court interpretation. I am not now ready to give away my own theory or defend it, until I get before a proper tribunal. What I assert here, however, is, that the Detroit address was written to show the absurdity of the prevailing view among "Statesman" and lawyers by a sort of reductio ad absurdum. First, the address asserts that the status of colored citizens in the United States is more like that of denizen than that of native born citizens. Will any lawyer deny this? Next, under the Amended Constitution "it is a humiliating spectacle" to see "national citizenship," subordinate to and tried before state citizenship. Is this true or false? Again, that "in at least three states of this Union" Negro citizenship "is a farce." Is this true? I think no sane man, much less a lawyer or a thinker, will deny these propositions. Now if they are true, the U. S. citizenship does not "protect," indeed under Mr. Harrison's Mr. Hackley's and most lawyers' and most Republican's theory can't protect; and since it don't protect, as I grant, and since I am not a believer in the State Rights theory and have no confidence in it as the ultimate solution—according to my view, there is only one remedy left for protection, viz: Be denizens as you are; live as you now live; accumulate property; enjoy all social and civil rights, so far as you may, but for security for life and limb and property, don't be such a fool as to think this government of the United States, which you helped originally to establish, which Abraham Lincoln said you help to save and make perpetual, cares anything about you, or will do anything for you except what it is compelled to do. I then show the difference—little Italy demands indemnity for her citizens murdered at New Orleans; Great Britain books no wrong done to any of her subjects anywhere, no matter what their color. Are such governments more worthy of confidence and respect; are they not more desirable countries to hail from than the United States, A. D., 1896? "But Mr. Greener, the address talks about the evasiveness of the Government of the United States" as to its citizens abroad, and "its cowardice in permitting lawless deeds" at home. You must prove this and show how the government, "permits what it is powerless to prevent." I appreciate the force of this argument.

My reply to the first part is simply the Waller case, where Waller, his learned counsel and all are totally ignored, or rather played with, meshed in the toils of machievellian diplomacy, more likely to be beaten in the end than to be successful. I doubt to-day whether Waller or his counsel know just "where they are at." But it is about time they did know, Waller must think.

My answer to the second part is, that the first thing due from every government to every citizen is protection, and when it is possible for any citizen to be deprived of rights, or to be put in jeopardy of life or limb, by an inferior or even co-ordinate body, it does "permit" and thus becomes responsible. At the proper time and place I am prepared to argue this with Mr. Harrison or Mr. Hackley, or any other believer in the supremacy of State Rights, and the limited powers of the United States.

I trust I may not be considered egotistical when I say the address merits attention from thoughtful Negroes, for the reason it advocated the assuming of "a new attitude," presenting "alike the assumption of any inferiority of our person, for any subordination our claims for rights, and to oppose even the presumption of a denial of any of our privileges." The last fits the car case of Mrs. Lillian Thomas-Fox, of your own city. Such an attitude if taken by every colored, public man, every writer, every preacher, every colored business man, would soon settle this so-called race problem. Why is it needed? Because even educated Negroes are going about proclaiming their inferiority; hastening, before they are sent for, to acknowledge it; ridiculing the attempts of their own race to elevate themselves, and granting the very premise needed on which to base continued ostracism and further prosecution. No matter who says otherwise, I assert that the maintenance of the Negro's manhood, his equality and protection of citizenship, is of vastly more importance than his bank account or the number of acres he owns. There never has been a time in the history of the world when mere monied possessions did not make a man timid and a time server.

Why do I urge the Negro on every occasion to assert every claim due us as native born citizens? Because my reading of history shows nothing is gained without assertion, and reit-

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OUR ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD.

CAN WE AFFORD TO FORGET THEM? MONUMENTS TO THEIR

Memories are Lights to the Young—Their Lives are Examples—Some Have Strayed Says "Reuben Ray"—Those Living.

I am afraid that we are forgetting the older members of our race. I fear that we are forgetting the men who have fallen in our ranks, fighting for all that we have today. My heart leaped for joy when I read the other day that a fund had been started to erect a monument to the memory of Frederick Douglass. This step shows forth the greatness of the race. Every nation, which has a place in history, passed through a period of temple and monument building. These monuments stand mute but eloquent witnesses to their patrotism, their heroism, their manners, and customs, their religion, their achievements in science, in art, in war. But it is more of our neglect that I wish to write now. I fear that in the rush to get "fortune and fame" we are neglecting the most vital thing—the proper respect for the memory of the heroes of the past. The battle with Negro slavery in the United States was the heroic age of America. Men and women came to the front, born of the exigencies of the hour, who immortalized themselves in defense of human rights.

We now and then hear some one say: "Let the past rest." Yes, but the past won't rest. It casts its light down through the centuries. It instructs, encourages and puts energy into the present. To forget the past is to cease to live. Why should the Negro let the past rest when every other race is sending up into the blue skies marble monuments covered with the names and deeds of the men and women who fought its battles in the sciences and arts of peace and war? Can we afford to be less mindful of our noble men and women who laid down their all that we might live? How often are their names mentioned around our firesides? How many boys and girls know their deeds and honor their memories?

The leading magazines are running articles on Lincoln, Grant, Lee and others, and only last fall the government covered a whole mountain side with monuments, and the blue and the gray met from all parts of the land to commemorate the heroism of their race. Can we afford to forget Nat Turner and Denmark Veasy? Can we afford to forget the 200,000 Negroes who marched into the cannon's mouth for our liberty? It is sad that we are too often employed in singing the praise of some cunning person who has purchased cheap notoriety at the cost of race pride and honor, to remember our obligations to the illustrious heroes of the past, whose names should be woven into our poetry and song; should be enshrined in every home, in every heart.

Can we afford to forget Bishop Payne, William Wells Brown, William C Nell, Charles B. Ray, Henry Highland Garnett, Robert Brown Elliott, James T. Rapier, Hiram R. Revels, Bishop Arnett, Josiah T. Walls, Oscar J. Dunn and a host of others, gallant and true, who waded through floods and flames to bring to us the glorious liberties which we enjoy? Must we not teach our children as they gather around our knees, of Frederick Douglass, John M. Langston, William Still, Robert Purvis, Frances Ellen Harper, Peter H. Clark?

Who stood more firmly for freedom and right than they? Frances Ellen Watkins Harper's eloquent voice rang out on every rostrum until God sent the avenging angel and snapped the chains which bound us. No other race has produced a woman more worthy of the highest monument which a grateful people can rear in their hearts. And Aunt Kitty Fagurson to whom all New York City owes an undying debt of gratitude for her Sunday school work. And Harriet Tubman and Sojourner Truth whose work must live forever inscribed on monuments in the glory world.

Can we afford to forget Bishop Turner who stood for our rights as bravely as ever did Luther before the Diet at Worms? Leonidas displayed no more heroism than did this wise, able, loyal, learned, grand man. Let us tell the story of his courage to every Negro youth on the globe. Can we afford to forget Pinchback, Bruce, George T. Downing, James Hill, John R. Lynch, John Dancy, Bishop Grant and a host of others who stood for us in the thickest of the fight? These men met the requirements of their day, as I dare say few men of to-day could do. Many of them wrote their names in blood on the field of battle, now let us carve them on imperishable marble to stand as beacon lights to the millions of our boys and girls who must battle with bitter and cruel prejudice. Suppose some of them have differed from us. Suppose some of them have since traveled in paths which we did not approve, still they have made for us a name, and made the achievements of the younger man of to-day possible.

I have but one objection to the biography of Mr. Knox, and that is, I want more of that kind. We want the reminiscences of the older men who passed along here, felled the trees, cleared the fields, staked off and built the cities for us. Give us more. What a word of rich reminiscences valuable history could have been left by Bishops Quinn and Campbell! They carried so much to the grave with them which ought now to be induced to give us their reminiscences, would they not form history of which the race and the world would be proud? Give us more reminiscences. We may have no appetite for them now, as we are so busy singing praises of men who have never sacrificed a single hair of their heads for the race, but we will like it later on. Necessity will drive us to it. "If I forget thee O, Jerusulem, let my right hand forget her cunning. If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth."

REUBEN RAY

Normal, Ala.

Deaths—Personals.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.

Mrs. Eliza Logan, aged about fifty years, widow of the late Louis Logan, died at her home, 114 Ninth street, Jan 23rd, after a long illness. Mrs. Logan was a member of the Mt. Olive Baptist church. The funeral was conducted by Rev. A. B. Wimberly, her pastor. Mrs. Susie Martin, aged about twenty-six years, died at her home in North Clarksville, Jan. 24th. Her funeral was conducted by Rev. A. O. Kinney at Fifth Ward Baptist church. Richard Jones is confined to his room. We hope to see him out soon. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Steel a fine boy John Page was re-elected alderman in the Ninth Ward. Success to Mr. Page. Rev. A. B. Wimberly has started a revival, assisted by Rev. Brown of Battle Creek, Mich. Miss Carrie Ballard was in the city a few days ago. Our high school is moving along nicely Robert E. Hill likes The Freeman. He still continues to read it through, and says it is the only paper he does read thoroughly. Edw. Burns of Shelbyville, was in the city a few days ago.

Hon. Major S. O. W. Brandon, candidate for mayor, who was arrested was outclassed by a great majority. Dr. J. W. Williams on his removal from the 10th ward was declared enadequate where upon J. W. Page resumed his position. Sam Killebrew, the veteran barber, arrested on a charge of selling liquor, was fined one dollar and cost. Pete Postell is candidate for steward of the insane asylum, and his rival is Lawrence Waller. Neil McFall has made an assignment to William Buck. Mrs. Logan, wife of the deceased Jno. Logan, died recently at her home on Eight street. Mrs. Logan was well known and respected by all. The last sad rites were rendered at Mt. Olive church. Ed. Shanklen who murdered Garnett Richardon, is being tried for murder in the first degree. Will Merritt who shot and wounded Chas. Merriwether is still at large. Ed. Burns who has been spending his time away has returned. A repast was given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Metcall, in honor of the ninth grade. The Tennessee Centennial will take place July 7th. Robert Hill will soon wed a pretty damsel.

A School House Burned.

Columbus, Mo., Special.

Miss Eliza Brown, who has been teaching school for the past five months in Columbia, has returned home. On Tuesday evening, Jan. 20th, the school house in which she taught was burned to the ground. Nothing was saved, and as there was none other building in which she could complete her term, she returned home.

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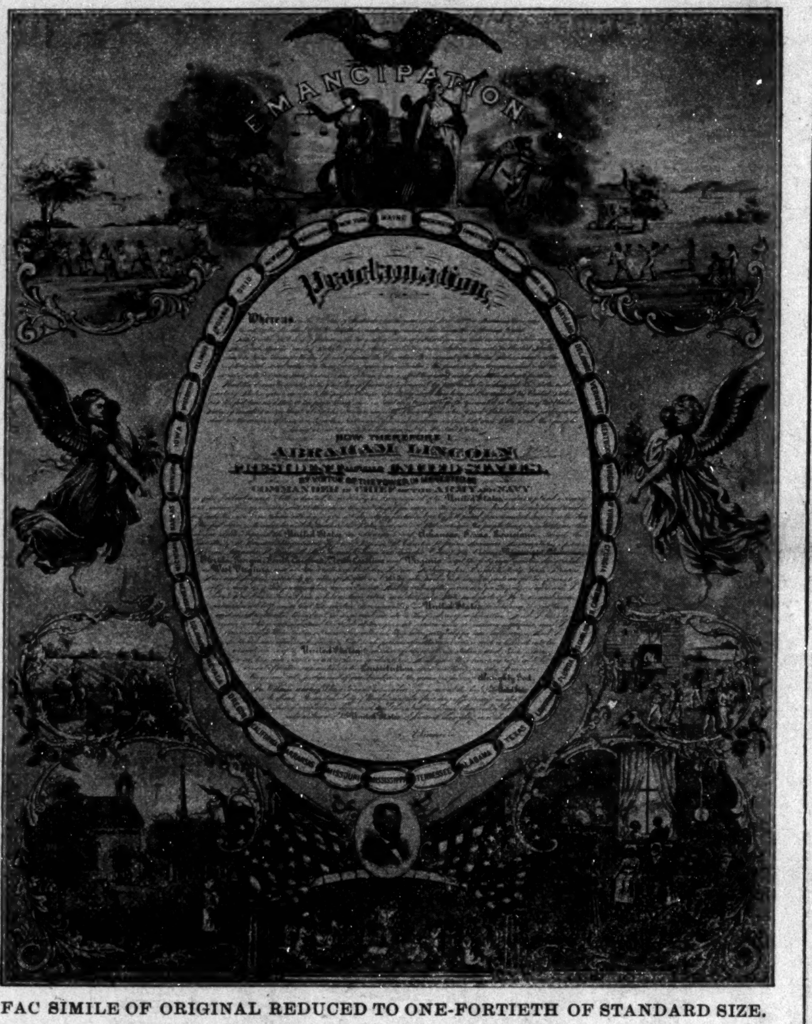
Let us Unite.

EDITOR FREEMAN.

Why is it that we, a cast off race in these United States, are always quarreling among ourselves through the press, especially our great men? It always makes me feel sore when I read of such, and I think every black man should have the same feeling. Why can we not stick together and work together as one man? Work and believe in God. Truth, honesty, right and last but not least, always claim our rights. Keep the world in mind of our Jim Crow Car Legislature through the press. I think it a better way of doing us good than any other. As long as we are not united our law-makers in the several states will discriminate against us.

PETER PARLEY,

New Minden, Ill.



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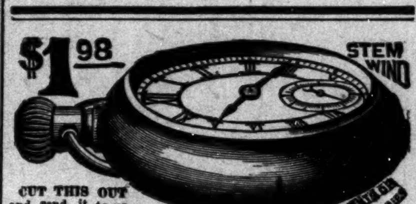

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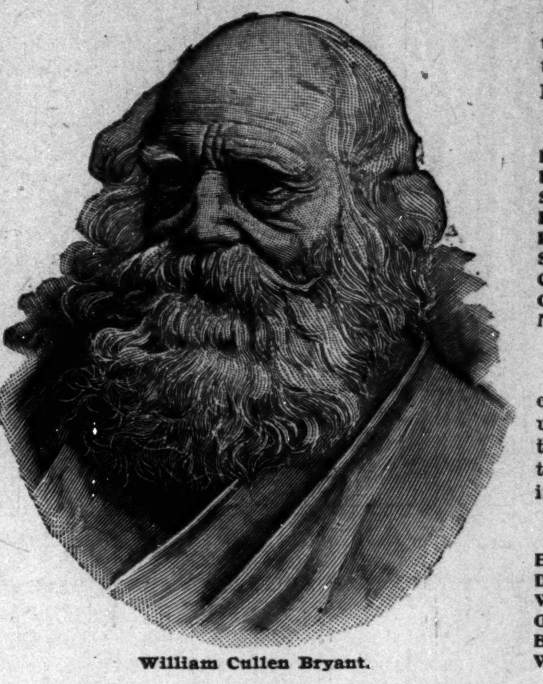

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CHAPTER XXIV.

HARDY'S APPEAL FOR HIS CLIENT.

"I charge thee never after this sad day
To see me, or to meet me; or to send
By word, or writing, gift, or otherwise
To move me, by thy self, or by thy friends."
—Heywood.

NWARDLY Hardy was forced to confess that he was sorry that his pleasant pen-chats with Miss Wright were at an end; it was the only after business pleasure he now had save that of playing with his children, as his wife and self were not on speaking terms since the quarrel related in another chapter. He was therefore glad when Clark asked him to write another letter to the fair Martha. He wrote:

"B——, CONN., April 15, '93.

"MISS WRIGHT, ESTEEMED MISS:—Two days ago I wrote for myself an appeal for mercy—to-day I pen an appeal for love for my friend. I hear you say what impudence! It is not impudence, but bold logic and a desire for the welfare of all in whom I have an interest. I do not expect you can ever teach your heart to love an ignorant man like my friend Clark, he would be, however, a devoted husband and slave; he would make a good living for any girl; he has reformed in spite of what the Clifford woman says. There is much good in him worth saving as you can judge from the incident I wrote in my previous letter about the cause of our friendship. Under the pure, womanly influence of an educated lady like yourself, he could be transformed into a bright, useful man. He owns a fine home near Beaconsville at Mt. Pleasant in your county; he has a good paying position as stewart or head waiter in one of the leading roadhouses on the leading fashionable drive outside of New York City, and taking it all in all, from a business standpoint, it would be hard to find a poor man better able to provide a home of plenty for a wife.

"I hear you say that people do not marry for mercenary reasons. Beg pardon, Miss, but they do. Read the papers of the land, and we will learn that back number dukes, over-aged lords and doubtful earls are marrying American girls of wealth simply to get the mighty American dollar. But I hear you say these people are rich or titled and belong to the white race—poor people and colored people do not commit such acts against the laws of Cupid. My dear Miss Wright, you are wrong again: humanity is the same the world over. The laws are obeyed or disobeyed as the fancy or interest directs by all races, classes and tribes. The maiden whose cheeks are golden brown is at times as far-seeing and mercenary in selecting her future husband as the most fair of her fairer sisters, and why should she not be? "Love in a cottage" without meat or bread may be poetical but is not practical.

"Again, how many of us marry an equal or our ideal companion? Not one in ten thousand. Then again I question seriously if there is any mad, raving, foolish love of which the poet sings and novelist writes. How many literary people can we recall whose wives or husbands were or are companions in their great work? I have entered the literary field and must confess my wife is far from being an associate. Ours was not a love match, but the outcome of the smart head and fine Italian hand of a match-making mother. Still I have been to a degree happy. My wife has been (until a few weeks ago) a kind and loving wife and a devoted mother. If she could not review my MSS. she could review my grocer's bill and detect any overcharge in the same; if she could not criticise Shakespeare with me, she could criticise bacon with the butcher, hence I was to a degree happy. I speak in the past tense, because at present writing my wife and I are on the outs. Have I not said enough to cause you to look favorable upon my friend's suit? He must have made an impression upon you other than that made by my letters. Permit me to write to you for him until his visit to Beaconsville next summer (that is this coming summer.) Do not discard him until you have another talk with him. Had he done in the beginning as I wanted him to do, you would have known the truth. I have at times been trying to teach him to read and write, and wanted him to tell you the truth in the first letter—to say that as he could not write well enough he got a friend to write for him. He would not agree to this, however, hence the deception.

"Forgive all, dear Miss wright; the whole matter up to the present date has been too romantic to end in a farce; let the drama continue until the happy consummation is reached, until sorrow is turned into joy, hate into love (if there is in this world such a thing as love) and strife into peace. You can at once see that I have no selfish motive in view. I have never seen you, and although 'we' have written several times for your picture and Clark sent you his, you did not make an opportunity to sit for your 'photos.' I think I know you as well as a person ever does know a stranger with whom he has constant pen-talks, and pardon self-conceit, but I flatter myself that I can exert enough influence—literary influence—over you to get you to re-open 'our' case.

"Hope, the bright day star which guides our erring feet towards the paths of right, whispers all will be well, and why should I doubt? Can you, dear Miss Wright, resist my pleadings for Clark? If you can you are the strongest-minded woman—beg pardon—self-willed—I have ever met or conversed with through the agency of either tongue or pen.

"I will conclude, hoping to be honored with some kind of reply, I am

"Respectfully yours,
"ANDREW MARTIN HARDY."

Hardy received the following by return mail:

"BEACONSVILLE, Va., April 18, '93.

"MR HARDY, DEAR SIR:

"I charge thee never after this sad day
To see me, or to meet me; or to send
By word, or writing, gift, or otherwise,
To move me, by thy self, or by thy friends."

"Respectfully,
"MARTHA JANE WRIGHT."

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African Methodism in Tennessee.

I sounded the alarm at the last meeting of the General Board of the Trustees of Turner Normal, and again at the last annual conference concerning that institution. I said that unless something was done that the child which the conference was hugging to her breast, without nourishing, would soon die. No attention was given to this cry. I suppose I was considered an alarmist, just like some will do who read this article. What was the result? Conference adjourned without appointing a principal for the school; not a cent was appropriated to relieve the embarrassed condition of that institution; students were amazed at the turn things had taken, and the Presiding Elder of the district in which the school is situated, succeeding in nulling what little the conference did do, and proceeded to organize the school under a new management, and a new name. Now the cry is again as it was a few years ago, that it is "Nixon's school," and what little interest that has been directed in favor of the school for the last two or three years, will decrease. This should not be, although a great error has been committed by some one.

Our school is now taught in the public school building because our property is unfit for use. Think of it! Operating a school for ten years, and now have less property than we had at first. It is hoped that the May Day and Endowment Day collections will receive more than a passing notice by the churches of this conference.

Three most excellent ladies are now engaged in the school. They should not be trifled with; they should be paid. But the probabilities are that a majority of the most prominent men of the conference will be attending the General Conference in May and that "May Day" will be a failure again.

At the suggestion of the Bishop, the conference voted to hold its next annual session in Knoxville. Many of those voting to go to Knoxville did not then think that they would be able to get there. No greater mistake was made during the conference session. But we Tennesseeans are given to making mistakes. If the white Tennesseeans have not made a mistake in booming the Centennial for 1896, what would have suited better than to have held our next conference in Nashville? What if we were there last fall; we have seven churches in the city, either of which could and would gladly entertain the conference next fall. I need not attempt to set forth the benefits, etc., resulting from a session of our grand church during the Centennial.

The Tennessee conference four years ago, voted to ask for a division of the conference into the Tennessee and East Tennessee Conferences, but it is said that the delegation "forgot it," (there was a wild scramble for place.)

At the last conference, which was much larger than four years ago, we forgot that we wanted a division at all, (the delegates' election was the all-absorbing thought.) If anyone can divine what will be the purpose or duty of Tennessee's delegation at the next General Conference, he is a prophet indeed. It is hoped, however, that we have not sent an entire delegation of candidates as usual.

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Death of Charley Jefferson.

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[All articles intended for this column should be addressed to the Literary Editor, The Freeman.]

Prof. Theodore Drury, the famous baritone singer, is singing in different towns in Texas. The music lovers are certainly appreciating his sonorous voice.

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Tom Brown of Ishman's Octoroon company, was in the city last week. He reports good business all along the line. The Octoroon's will play at the empire March 9th.

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Lew Johnson's Plantation Minstrels are billed to appear at Glenwood, Minn., Feb. 16th; Painsville, the 17th, Minneapolis, the 18th, for one week. The business continues good.

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The Hampton students, of Hampton, Va, who are traveling and giving concerts, in order to raise money for their school, were at Hartford, Conn., last week. and were refused accommodation on account of color.

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The King's Daughters and Sons, a society composed of popular young people of Indianapolis, are preparing to present "The Lady of Lyons," in the near future. This society is educating a young man in special art work.

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There was a large crowd at the theater recently, at Knoxville, Tenn., the occasion being the appearance of Maples & Johnson's big Minstrel company in a concert for the benefit of the Old Ladies' home. The audience was well pleased.

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Miss Rachel Walker, Cleveland, O., went from New York City, recently to San Francisco for a six week's trip through California with a company under the direction of the Henry Wolfsohn Musical Bureau. The company is white and she is the prima donna. They are meeting with great success.

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Two dramatic clubs have been organized at Knoxville, Tenn. One under the management of Miss Mary Mason, the other under the supervision of Mrs. Ford. Miss Mason expects to put on "Louisiana or the Octoroon," with appropriate costumes and scenery. Mrs. Ford expects to present "Deacon." Rehearsals have already begun.

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There is a company in Texas presenting that celebrated play, entitled, "The Cricket on the Hearth." Dramatized by Albert Smith, from the story by Chas. Dickens. It will be given under the auspices of the Tricotamus Club, and will be presented by some of the best talent, under the management of Henry A. Broady.

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The Lew Johnson Minstrels appeared recently at the opera house to a good sized audience, and it was easily the best colored company seen in Duluth, Minn, for some time. The singing was far above the average. The scenery and sketches of the south before the war were just as advertised. The Dixie choruses and marches brought down the house.

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The musical struggle of quartettes at Vermont street church Monday night, Feb. 3rd was indeed one of the greatest struggles ever held in Indianapolis. Only three quartettes appeared, viz: The Harry News, Plungers and Diamonds of New Albany, the Standard not being present. The judges were Ike Johnson, Mrs. Roxey Bell, James Ashley, Mrs. Porter, and an unknown gentleman, all prominent musicians of Indianapolis. The Harry News made 3 points, Plungers 1 point, and the Diamonds 4 points The program was pleasingly rendered, being opened by a medley chorus arranged by J. Ed. Green manager of the Diamond quartette. Each quartette was well received but the Diamonds were wonderfully accurate in all points, their rendition of the "Lost Ship" being greeted by storms of applause.

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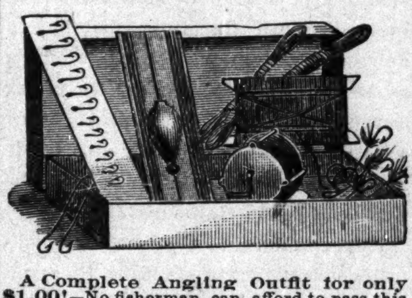

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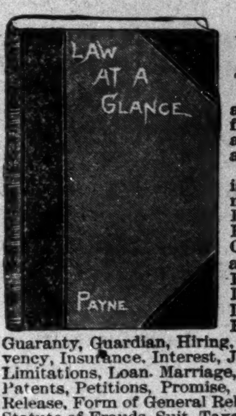

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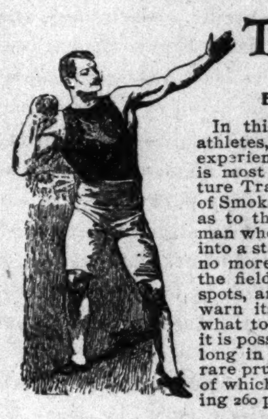

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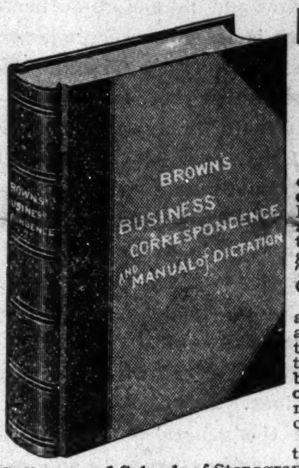

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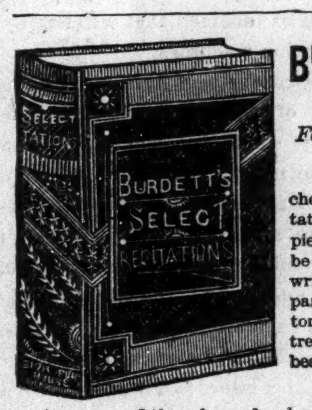

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WALLER TO BE RELEASED.

THE Washington Daily Associated Press Dispatch, of Washington, D. C., says:—"Embassador Eustis has been instructed to accept the offer of the French government to release ex-United States Consul Waller from further imprisonment and pardon his offense on condition that the affair be thereby terminated as between France and the United States, and the latter make no claim in behalf of the prisoner, based on his arrest, conviction or imprisonment. Waller may, however, sue in the French courts for damages for ill-treatment. These facts, showing the amicable termination of the celebrated Waller incident, appear in correspondence sent to both houses of Congress the 12th by the President, in answer to resolutions of inquiry on the subject. Secretary Olney says there is no doubt whatever of Waller's guilt; that "the evidence fully sustains the charge," and no court could have hesitated to condemn him.

In his message transmitting the Waller correspondence, President Cleveland says: 'It will be seen on examination, as would, of course, be expected, that there is a slight conflict of evidence on some of the features of Mr. Waller's case. Nevertheless, on a fair and just consideration of all the facts and circumstances as presented, and especially in view of Mr. Waller's own letter, the conclusions set forth in the report of the Secretary of State do not appear to admit of any reasonable doubt, nor to leave open to the executive any other course of action than that adopted and acted on as therein stated. It is expected that Mr. Waller's release from imprisonment will be immediately forthcoming."

FEDERAL AUTHORITY AGAIN.

"The wisdom of seeking aid from the general government is likely to be doubted. It seems a matter that rests entirely within the jurisdiction of the states."

These seem to be the most objectionable sentences in a Freeman editorial of a few weeks ago. Hon. D. Augustus Straker has taken exceptions to them. Notwithstanding the objections of the very learned gentleman, it is very evident that there is much lattitude for an honest difference of opinion. The fact that a petition is necessary at all goes far towards establishing the fact; that there are pros and cons unlimited. It is strange that legislators, who are elected to serve all the people, are not cognizant of their duties, but must be informed by their constituency. It cannot not be said that a question of such moment is a new one to them. Why should they be prodded to do their duty? THE FREEMAN sees nothing seriously objectionable in importuning federal authority, but it maintains it can never be remedied from that quarter alone. Why is it our friends, the Republicans, have not taken up the subject long ago? What hopes are held out now after these years of non-action? Has not such an expedient as suggested been hinted at? Do not all know how it resulted? Was not the "Force Bill" such a species of legislation? Was it not decried from one end of the land to the other?

This is all against the Negro and to his hurt. But is it not a condition and no theory that confronts us? Is it supposed for a moment that THE FREEMAN adyocates measures that bind and oppress the race? Not by any means. It simply pursues no chimera. It recognize the hard condition of the Negro and tries in a rational way to remedy the evil. It thinks by striking at the root of the evil the fruit will be blasted. A tree is quicker killed at the roots than at the top, admitting that it could be killed at the top at all. THE FREEMAN is aware of what the constitution guarantees. It seems, nevertheless, a defined policy as to how far the general government may proceed in state and municipal affairs. The late strikes are evidences of this. The government is never concerned unless its peculiar business is disturbed. It is true a territory is in a state of anarchy when laws are trampled under feet. In such cases the government may rightfully intervene. When governors, sheriffs, constables and other factotums are powerless to enforce the laws then the government steps in. This is no case in supposition. The fact that life and property is destroyed is of no moment as long as state claim a duty performed. In the eyes of the law an attempt to perform a duty is sufficient. Success is not necessary. This is the side the evil-doers hold up. Morally wrong, but legally right.

Mr. James Henderson, of Detroit, says: "Petitions must be made to general, state and municipal authorities." This is in entire keeping with the expressions of THE FREEMAN. Be it remembered that there is no disposition to find fault for appealing to the head of affairs. The idea is the ideal one. And could the prayers be granted without friction it certainly is the thing desired. Why not let this question work its way up to Congress? Let the Negroes petition the governors and legislators of all states; asking them to make laws in consonance with petitions. It is to utopian to expect that the general government is going to set up in every state an extra judicial tribunal for the carrying out of any laws enacted that will simply prove friction machines.

Prof. Greener sees nothing in the creation of public sentiment. The idea may sound too sickly, but as a lawyer he must know, there were no laws until the necessity for them existed. He says sentiment is not law; but he should know that it is far above, beneath and around the law. This is the sole salvation of the Negro. He can obtain many rights at the point of the sword. There are other rights he can not obtain except by the idea of public sentiment. No law can be made strong enough to mete out justice to lynchers, if the community is in sympathy with the lynchers. No jury can be selected that will carry out the spirit of the law if they are not in sympathy with the law of God, which says: "Thou shalt not kill." This is all patent. It needs no great degree of wisdom to be able to arrive at such a conclusion. Referring to the Lincoln incident Mr. Straker is aware of the fact that Lincoln had such clever foresight that he did not assume to liberate the slaves until the states where in open rebellion against the government. He said he had no intention to interfere with this institution. What he mean is of no consequence here, except it establishes a point. Why he did it history will answer. God doubtless moved in a mysterious way, but Abraham Lincoln did not violate the essence of the constitution.

"OUR esteemed contemporary, the Texas Freeman says:

"The esteemed Indianapolis Freeman divides credit between the Freeman and the New York Age in publishing an editorial observation from this paper which was printed several weeks ago and which was reprinted without comment in the Age. We can stand it if the Age can."—The New York Age.

More light! More light!

SOUTH CAROLINA "NEW MAN."

"How are the mighty fallen!

How must the Palmetto State hang its head in reading the brutal generalities of abuse heaped upon the Democratic administration by Tillman, in the Senate Wednesday!

To think of the State that once boasted a Calhoun and a Hayne, or a Butler, or a Hampton in the Senate, being represented now by this intemperate and demagogic accident on its floor!

Those correspondents and others who think that this speach will cost the Democracy thousands of votes, because coming from a Southern Democratic senator, are of those to whom the wish is father to the thought, or who would stampede in the face of a blow-gun.

This man Tillman is not a representative Democrat nor even a representative Southernor.

He rode into office in opposition to the old guard and the old decency of South Carolina. He arrayed around him all the discordant and populistic elements of his State. He bullied and browbeat into office and he is keeping himself in the public eye by pandering still in his public utterances to all the populistic and revolutionary elements in the country of which his special following at home are fair representatives.

The ravings of such an extremist and socialistic revolutionist, whether in the Senate or a barroom, are robbed of all the temperance, dignity or argument that render public utterances effective. His demagogy was apparent in his opening sentences, when he said, with a flourish, that he should use plain language to reach the plain people, as he was one of them! Yes, one of them because an apostate aristocrat, the black sheep of one of South Carolina's oldest families, and whose own and honest brother repudiated him politically. There is no objection to his becoming one of the plainest of people, but it is in extremely bad taste to denonce his former associations. The truth is, where such speeches by the Tillman-populism school of politicians and adventurers gain a dozen votes for the disruptionist Democrats in certain quarters, they make thousands for the conservative, decent, old line Democracy all over the South, West and East

Tillman's speech Wednesday was an unintential strengthening of the Democratic administration and the national Democracy.—The Houston (Texas) Daily Post.

The foregoing extract is from an influential white Democratic paper. "Old Ben Tillman" is the sobriquet of this new apostle of fishmonger's billings gate.

This man in the Senate is a fish out of water. Pope says something about a man clothed with a little brief authority etc. This is a case of a man talking himself out of a home. He, doubtless, thought his little world of South Carolina, in which he played such a "heroic" part, was greater than all the world besides. This man has been repudiated from Main to California for his idle vaporing and wanton blatherskiteism in the Senate chambers. South Carolina, the scene of his desolating hand, makes some unintelligble mummery in defence of the pillager—the Atilla—the scavenger of her fair domain.

It was a happy day when he assumed his role in the Senate and had the masque snatched from his face that the country might know this prince of demagogues or see in him the heighth of amazing ignorance. A constitution championed by Tillman should speedily fall in disrepute. His intemperate language has shown him as unworthy to shape the affairs of any government. Yet this is the man that domineered South Carolinia, hatched a new constitution, was governor and is senator. The judgement of the South Carolinians should be impeached for allowing this free-booter to ride rough-shod over them. Well may the State call for its Calhouns, Haynes and Butlers. This fine old line of Southern gentry, notwithstanding their pet theories would have had nothing to do with this modern law giver.

TO PENSION EX-SLAVES.

Now comes the information that the people of North Tobeka, Kan., have met and formulated plans relative to the pensioning of ex-slaves by Congress. It is not very likely that this movement will meet with much encouragement. From a charitable view the idea is laudable. But after these years of progress it is not a step in advance to advocate the wardship idea. There is no sense in chasing a phantom when there are so many practical questions far more vital to be settled. If there ever was a chance for such actions, it is now too far gone for recall. It would take fabulous sums of money to carry out this idea. It would bankrupt the government in paying the first installment. It is to be hoped that all such subjects will be dismissed as impracticable and unpolitical.

HOUSTON, TEXAS.

This office has received a marked copy of the Houston, Texas, Daily Post. It is meant, doutless, to draw our attention to the murder of an influential white citizen of that city by four Negroes. The object, we suppose, is to draw THE FREEMAN out. From a hasty perusal of the article it looks as though the Negroes were guilty. But THE FREEMAN maintains that the court house is the proper place to ascertain the facts in the case. The position of THE FREEEAN is unassailable. If these men are guilty there is no reason why they should not suffer the full penalty for such offences in Texas. THE FREEMAN is agreeably surprised that the alleged murderers have not been lynched ere this. But it is not yet prepared to rejoice at this moral victory. They have a way of lynching in cold blood down South. It is very possible that the four men accused may wake up some morning and find themselves in another climate.

THE SPIRIT OF THE PRESS.

Maj. William McKinley is the choice of the Republicans of Georgia for the presidential nomination, therefore it is important that McKinley delegates should be chosen by the different conventions.—The Savannah Tribune.

If Mr. Reed doesn't get a respectable proportion of the Texas delegation in the national convention he can hold his manager, in this State, and his henchmen responsible for it. They have done much to disgust the respectable element of the party who regard their methods as being decidedly disreputable.—The Taxas Freeman.

We are for McKinley because he is for the country, and if no agents or paid hirelings had come into the State everybody else would be for him.—The People's (Atlanta, Ga.) Advocate.

A colored committee will wait upon the Republican convention at St. Louis and ask that a plank be put in the platform condemning the lynchers in the South.—The Knoxville Gleaner.

The way things looks now it is either Reed or McKinley. But just wait awhile boys, when the Reed and McKinley forces get wrought up to a fight to the finish the drop will fall, and it may fall on Gov. L. P. Morton. Well it is just hard to tell how things will go anyway. Do you read between the lines?—The Florida Sentinel.

OUR WASHINGTON.

"In many respects the lecture of Booker T. Washington Friday afternoon was one of the most effective addresses delivered in University Hall for some time. Mr. Washington kept the close attention of his audience and aroused an enthusiasm on his subject from those who heard him. Dr. Talmage, however, seemed to prove a disappointment His lecture, while entertaining, did not give an impression that it was scholarly or eloquent, but made one think that he had not paid enough to be able to expect much from the celebrated divine. This is not an individual opinion, but is written after obtaining the views of persons who are competent to judge.—The University (Mich.,) Daily."

Prof. Washington has been before the dons of the University of Michigan. He was in his elements in this capacity. Even the gifted Talmage lost luster in comparsion. This may have been due, however, to the reverence accorded a professor by college students. Mr. Washington may well appreciate this token of esteem.

THE OFFICIAL ORGAN.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 6, 1896.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Federation of Colored men held on the above date the following resolutions were adopted:

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this committee that the Indianapolis Freeman is and is hereby adopted as the official organ for the National Federation of colored men in the United States in the place of the Detroit Republican.

"Resolved, That hereafter all communications and public matter relating to the National Federation will be published in The Indianapolis Freeman.

"Resolved, That the Chairman of the Executive Committee is hereby instructed to notify the President, D. A. Straker of the change."

JOHN G. JONES,
Chairman Executive Committee.

THE committee on lynching of England sent petitions to all Southern governors, many legislators and prominent officials, praying against the evil. They recognize where the evil must be attacked. The Federation of Colored Men headed by D. A. Straker is all right, yet it should not think there is but one spot to strike. It should apply grape-shot in order to give a general raking.

THE FREEMAN gladly acknowledges the receipt of an invitation sent, inviting us to the house warming of the Girls Dormitory of Shorter University, Arkadelphia, Ark., March 4.

THE NATIONAL GUARD.

The National Guard of the United States is a movement that resulted from the resolutions pertaining to the Negro soldiery, recently adopted at the Atlanta Exposition by the Negro Congress. The resolutions set forth the fact that Negroes, from lack of opportunities, are not being trained in the methods of army life, although they are expected to help bear the Nations burdens in event of war. In keeping with the spirit of the resolutions the National Guard has been organized, which includes every military body in the United States.

The first session of the Nation Guard Congress will be held in the city of Nashville, Tenn., during the exposition in 1896. It is expected that every Negro military company of the United States will be in attendance. They are urgently requested to attend in full uniforms, fully armed and equiped with five days rations. The headquarters of this new movement is in Mobile, Ala., R. R. Mims, General Commander-in-Chief and F. E. Crumbly, Adjutant General. A comprehensive address has been issued to the Negro militia of the Nation, setting forth in detail the object of the movement.

"EX-PRESIDENT HARRISON, of Indiana, gave notice to his friends and the world this week that he would not become a candidate before the National Republican convention, which names the standard bearer of the party, and emphatically demand his friends not to allow his name to be brought into the convention. Mr. Harrison, in our judgement, is the greatest statesman among the American people.—The Colored (Ashville, N. C.) Enterprise.

True enough. It is evident that Harrison has lost nothing through his latest declaration. The Ex-President is firmly entrenched in the hearts of the people. The chances are that he will be the largest quantity to dispose of at the St. Louis convention. He is by no means eliminated from the contest. When the final toss comes, if heads win, Harrison will not have tails.

GEORGE H. BAIRD, of Russelville, Ky., is serving in the capacity of instructor of the Colored Teacher's Institute. Mr. Baird is principal of the city school female department of Russellville. From the testimonials he has from superintendents and supervisors he seems to be giving eminent satisfaction in his chosen field.

"LATELY we are hearing nothing about Mr Waller, who is now confined in prison in France."—The Savannah Tribune.

THE FREEMAN has on foot a movement for assisting Waller in a substantial way while in prison. Subscribe to THE FREEMAN Waller Fund.

EX-SECRETARY OF STATE GRIFFIN is in the city attending a meeting of the Lincoln State League. He says everything seems bright for his nomination in the race for governor.

SINCE Ex-President Harrison's announcement that he will not allow his name to be used in the nomination for the candidacy it seems that Ex-Gov. McKinley leads all the rest. May his tribe increase.

Will Organize.

Fayettville, Tenn., Special.

The literary society is growing. The paper by Miss Betty Todd and the solo by Mrs. H. B. McChristian were grand. Mrs. Viney McGaw's selection was good. The revival at the C. P. church has closed. There were several conversions. Miss Gertrude Todd departed this life Feb. 8th. The funeral services were conducted at the C. P. church of which she was a member. The pastor was assisted by Rev. J. A. Jones of the A. M. E church. Isaac Williams is sick. Misses Mary McDonald and Susie McCullum visited Lincoln High school last Monday. Miss Charlotte Robinson has organized a Bible reading band. It meets at the A. M. E. church on Sunday afternoons. The teachers of the county met the 16th at the public school building to organize themselves into a permanent association. Rev. Jones, principal of Lincoln High school, is urging the movement. There seems to be no end to the whippings and house-breakings in this town. The white-caps are still riding and whipping Negroes, but it will be stopped. Willie Jones handles The Freeman. Get a copy.

Personal Notes.

Logansport, Ind., Special.

Rev. Lewis Pettiford organized a Christian Endeavor at his church Sunday. The revival meeting at the A. M. E. church has closed with three converts, several reclaimed and several joined the church by letter, through the influence of Rev. Lewis Pettiford's powerful sermons. On the 16th will be quarterly meeting. Rev. T. C. Wilson of Marion is expected to be present and preach the sacramental sermon Sunday. Andy Ashworth of Terre Haute was in town last week. E. H. White of Knifley Ky., who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Jones, has gone west. Mrs. Rody Range of Ft. Wayne who was called here by the illness of her sister, Mrs. Kate Turner, has been called back to Ft. Wayne by the death of her nephew. Mr. and Mrs. Turner are better. The following persons are on the sick list: Mrs. L. G. Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Parker, Mrs. C. S. Jones, Mrs. A. J. Allen, Ross Gilmore, G. C. King, Jacob Basket. H. B. Turner was called to Ft. Wayne by the death of his cousin, Mr. Turner.

"SMITH'S BAD BREAK."

What Dr. Frank Johnson of Cincinnati O., Thinks—No Protection.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

It seems to me that some of our "Leading Negroes" are concerning themselves to a very great extent and are trying to pluck to pieces the masterly speech of Hon. H. C. Smith at Columbus on the 27th of January. Why they should do so I cannot see, for if the insults and injuries which are heaped on us by the so-called superior are ever to cease, we must as a race be the cause. I also think we have not the protection of the "American flag." Nor can we have those privileges granted us which would tend to make us feel like freer born American citizens. The Hon. Sir who roasts Mr. Smith for his lack of patriotic feeling against a country that in some parts of it will accord a Chinaman more courtesy than a Negro, I think is wrong in his idea. Why in our own city (Cincinnati) where the Hon. W. H. Parham is a tax-payer, he would not only be refused accomodations, but would be forcibly "kicked" out of our common "hash-houses" where no white gentleman would ever go. Our Columbus friend, whoever he may be, lives in a land of "milk and honey" as compared with ours. He should spend a few months on the border land of hades (Kentucky) which has, however, in the past few weeks tried to redeem herself, and he would soon change his tune. The fact remains that the Negro is only a sojourner in the Land of his Father, and will have to put up with whatever his "white brother" chooses to give him. As for me, I agree with Mr. Smith, and say until we are accorded all the privileges that a white man is, we cannot say, "My Country 'Tis of Thee," for we are not in a land of liberty:

Of this country we may sing,
But to us its not a thing;
And until we have fair play
I as one am forced to say
We are only in the way of others.

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RICHARD GREENER REPLIES

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erated assertion at that, long continued. Why is it necessary to do so now? Because, as the address goes on to say, there "is a selfish indifference to our rights," on the part of the American white people—"an un-American, a non-Christian contempt and an universal assumption of our contentment with ostracism," which is, "equivalent to an inexorable lex monecripta." Is this true or not? I dare maintain that the Northern Christian and the Northern Republican is an utter coward and a trimmer, whenever he is squarely confronted with the Negro question. Both are always willing to have these questions postponed to another generation, and gladly praise all prudent, wise, sagacious Negro leaders who are too often easily persuaded to put them aside. They are troublesome questions, I admit, but they have got to be met some time, and that time had best be now. Some of us are ready to meet them anywhere.

It is all well enough to talk about creating public sentiment. Public sentiment may be a good thing to have behind a law, but please remember public sentiment is not law, nor by any means an equivalent for it. We need organic, specific law to make bad men do right, to help timid men to do right, and to protect the weak against the strong. Was the conference wrong when it asserted suppositiously that "all our rights of person and property" were not secure "throughout the extent of the United States territory?" The statute of London runs throughout the United Kingkom. Are not "wrong and injustice boldly legalized by lately rebellious states?" Does not the press, does not the public generally even the "Afro-American" public, accept all this "as irremediable?" Are not "weak statesmen and time-serving judges" anxious to avoid "the facts?" Is there any organization, which preaches and practices to-day, "equal and exact justice to all citizens, wherever the American flag floats?"

RICHARD T. GREENER,
New York City.

Doings of Blooming Hill School.

Knowles, La., Special.

Prof. O. L. Coleman, the president of Gibsland Academy, was here recently, accompanied by Miss Celia Pugh, of Gibsland Academy. She spoke and held the audience spellbound for thirty-five minutes. She took for her subject, "How are we to become noble," and handled it with skill. Prof. O. L. Coleman then spoke on "Pointing the young men and women to a higher sphere of life." We gladly welcome them in our midst at any time.

Special Memtion.

Poplar Bluff, Mo., Special.

Samuel Cheeks was arrested at Neelyville, Mo., and brought to this city for trial on the 3rd inst. Elder Terrel of Neelyville, Mo., was in the city during the revival and left for his home on the 2nd inst. The Baptist gave a grand entertainment at Pleasant Hill Baptist church on Saturday night Feb. 1st. Miss Katy Wyatt was seized with a severe fainting spell in the Odd Fellows Hall corner Sixth and Mingel streets, on the 3rd inst., at the meeting of the Court of Calanthe. Dr. B. E. Henderson left this city on the 7th inst., to visit his brother who is seriously ill.

The Ice Palace.

Leadville, Colo., Special.

Mrs. H. Prince has recovered from the la grippe. Mrs. J. T. Hedspath is convalesing. Protracted meeting at the A. M. E. church. Mrs. McCray of Grand Junction, is the guest of Mrs. Catherine Furgerson. Mrs. Sarah Neely of Glenwood Springs, is visiting M. W. Hodges. Mrs. Annie Kempton is home from Grand Junction. Mr. A. J. Brooks is up from Grand Junction, the guest of I. W. Bowen. Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer, late of Denver now of Colorado Springs, came up on the 2nd, the guest of Mr. J. W. Young. Everybody is loud in their praise of the beauty and grandeur of the Ice Palace. Mr. Thomas, a young man whose parents reside in Kansas City, is dangerously ill at the county hospital. A young people's Christian Endeavor Society was organized at the A. M. E. church on the 26th of Jan. Meets every Sunday evening at half past six o'clock. Rev. T. Smith is doing good work. Mrs. D. L. Robinson is sick. Mrs. Watson of Beuna Vista, was in the city on the 4th to the delight of one widower who taken her to see the Ice Palace. Rev Mr Read of Aspen, is in the city assisting the Rev. Smith with the protracted meeting at the A. M. E. church. Mrs. M. E. Lee is layed up with the rheumatism. Mrs. J. H. Sheppard is suffering with the plurasy. Mrs. J. T. Hedspath received the sad news of the death of her youngest brother, making four deaths in the family inside of a year. She has the sympathy of the community. The revival meetings at the A. M. E. church are very successful.

Republican Club Organized.

Richmond, Ind., Special.

The young daughter of Rev. Simons, pastor of Bethel A. M. E. church, will soon graduate from the Richmond high school. She is a very talented young lady and a good church worker enrolled among the first ladies of our race, and she reads The Freeman and says it is the best paper of the race. Among the expected graduates, colored, from Richmond high school are as follows: Ray Harris, Saines and Dennis. Among the Afro-American lady pianists, Miss Mary King, is acknowledged to be the pride of Richmond. The White Rose Quartette consisting of Miss King, McKnight, Thomas and Hunter adds to the credit of Richmond's musical talents. John Clark, head waiter for the Arlington Hotel, is the possessor of a copy of The Freeman and says it is the best colored paper published in the United States Ray Harris will soon be an apostle of Blackston. Mrs. Fannie Hunter is an accomplished dress maker, 113 S. Sixth street. Geo. W. Conrad is progressing nicely in his studies at Orberlin College. Master Saimes delivered a fine speech in the Mt. Moriah Literary Rooms. Leanord Hilt is the youngest Afro-American proprietor in Richmond. He is nineteen years old and owns the finest colored barber shop in the city. At the residence of Mrs. Foster a grand leap year party was highly enjoyed by friends of the family. The White Rose Quartette furnished excellent music. Masters King, McKnight, Thomas and Hunter composed the program. Mr. Tate is the wealthest Afro-American in the city, he is worth $100,000 in real estate and cash. Elder Jackson is a very able speaker and is to be congratulated for his efforts in trying to elevate his church. There are lots of stumbling blocks in all churches, except them no church. The young men of Richmond have a Republican Club, and the general opinion is they will endorse B. B. Myrick for county treasurer as he is a relative of Hon. J. B. Dongan, cashier of the Second National Bank—an acknowledged friend to any poor man is not among nations, but facts that we see every day, and while the agent is not a politician he has a right to repeat what he hears and sees. See the agent for The Freeman, Ira D. Chase will gladly take your order or sell you a copy.

News Notes—Personals.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Special.

The revival meetings are still in progress. Rev. Bell of Detroit, the evangelist, will assist Rev. Farrier this week with the meetings. Cora Ash has returned. M. F. Vaughn of Fowlerville is visiting his wife. Mrs. Dennie Phillips entertained Mr. and Mrs. Geo Stafford and Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Stafford at dinner Sunday. Miss Lena Roberts who is quite ill with la grippe, will be removed to her home in Lawrence this week. Read The Freeman, one of the finest papers of our race. Mrs. Amos Stewart agent. Mrs. Robert Weaver is no better. Miss Bessie Hill will be able to return to her studies again. Miss Bessie Hackley is attending the college.

Literary Societies—Notes.

Belton, Tex., Special.

The newly elected trustees of Bethel A. M. E. church are making a strong pull to pay off their church debt. The board voted that each trustee raise by subscription $27. Prof. T. B. Harris, Pat Coffee and Hiram Fulton have already completed their list. Rev. McMorris is preparing to entertain the young men. The Literary Society at the A. M. E. church was a grand affair. The subject of discussion was: "Resolved That women do more to sustain the government than men. Mrs. Sussie Harris showed the pluck of talented woman by her earnest effort for women. The judges: J. R. Melontree, A. B., Mrs. T. S. McMorris and Mr. William Tatum, scored nine for the affirmative and nine for the negative. The Literary Society at St. Phillippi church is moving along nicely. The president, Miss Maggie Hill, is an earnest worker. The program for the 10th is an interesting one. The Rev. Melontree, A. B., is moving things to the front. He has organized two societies. Rev. J. R. Bryan of Temple, ex-presiding elder of the Waco District spent the evening with J. R. Melontree. Elder Bryan is a succesful pastor, and is doing a good work in Temple. Programs for the leap year party at Mt. Zion M. E. church are out. Proceeds for the benefit of putting windows in the new brick church.

Personal Mention.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.

James Carr has recovered. A Trilby party was given on the 14th at the residence of Mrs Moody on Waldon Ave One of the gayest socials of the season was given by the U. B. F. at their hall on Monday night. Memphis has one colored printing office, three first class family groceries, one cafe, nineteen hackmen, thirteen mail carriers, one drug store, twelve doctors, one dentist, six schools, two silver Smiths. All who participated in the domino series given at Miss May Pope No, 33 Ruth street, Thursday evening enjoyed themselves. A. W. High is with M. L. Clay's grocery as partner. The Foggites now holds the fort at the Beale street Baptist church. Monroe Harrison who was taken from Memphis to Tuscumbia, Ala., has not been lynched although an effort was made. Geo. West, Boy Love, Jim East, and Joe Carter were arrested by a police detective for stealing 3,500 sacks from the Valley Oil Mill. During the month of January Memphis had twenty-one rainy days, five cloudy and five clear. Receipts for week ending Feb. 7th, sold 9,550 bales of cotton, stock on hand 126,574 against 122,851 this day last year. Miss Kate Ward will return home this month from St. Louis. Mr. Chas. Winston is the fashon plate of Memphis. The Freeman can be had by leaving orders at the Hub barber shop 152 Beale street. The moon light city quartette is composed of Will Pope, Sam Evans, Will Jones and Ben Patterson. The Nashville Centennial has been posponed until May 1897.

Dots and Dashes.

North Carrolton, Miss., Special.

Rev. Nabors will preach Sunday. Rev. McCraynie will preach at the M. E. church on the third Sunday. Miss Laura Campbell, Miss Minnie Douglass and Peter Henderson, prominent young people, were in town last week. They were delighted with The Freeman and will subscribe for it. Henry LaParchman is in the city and contemplates making this his home. Elijah Thomas was in the city recently. Mrs. Memingway's school has begun.

LOVE WILL OUT.

At Hymen's Altar—Gov. Bradley Will Not Recall the Appointment of Mr. Postell—Other Spicy Notes.

Louisville, Ky., Special.

Twice last week were the society fads taken with much surprise upon learning of the marriage of Miss Maud Morris, one of our popular young teachers to Aaron Taylor, a handsome young man. By neglect of the accomplished Mrs. Taylor to continue preserving her missives from her wedded beau, who is now in Florida for his health, it was discovered to some great surprise, that she was no longer, Miss Morris, and upon investigation it was found that Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Taylor were married in Jeffersonville 6th of last August. Mrs Aaron Taylor is the daughter of Horace Morris, one of our prominent citizens. Mr. Taylor will return March 15th at which time a brilliant reception will be tendered them. Rumor has it that Mrs. Taylor will resign her position as teacher in the Portland school the 15th. No little degree of surprise and admiration was engendered upon the intelligence of the marriage between Miss Gertrude Calvin, a pretty and popular young Miss of the freshman class of the High school and William Pate. They eloped to Jeffersonville Saturday afternoon and were married in Squire Hause's Court. Mme. Rumor has been very busy within the past few days, and informs us that we should be by no means surprised to learn that Prof. A. E. Meyzeek is negotiating a treaty whereby a companion to share his pleasures and sorrows will be taken unto himself. He also states that both Messrs. Benj. S. Winlock and Jno. Wilson, two popular young society beaux are trying to agree among themselves which is to lead off. However the conclusion might be, it will eome off soon, one to be followed immediately by the other. Our congratulations are ready at any time, boys so strike ahead.

The directors of the Colored Orphans' Home, of which Prof. J. J. McKinley is president, held its first meeting at the Home Thursday evening They have been meeting at the Fifth street Baptist church for a number of years. Since the directors have been under the guidance of this popular and most efficient president, McKinley, much good has been done for the children and even more is expected. Chas. McGruder, 1628 Prentice street, one of our prominent citizens, died Saturday evening after an illness of several months, and was buried from Fifth street church Monday. The high regard and esteem in which the deceased was held was demonstrated by the large attendance at his funeral. Rev. J. H. Frank officiated. The will of Andrew Ferguson, one of our wealthiest citizens was probated Friday. He bequeathed $1000 and a lot to each of his three grandchildren, $500 to his pastor, Rev. S. W. Parr, $100 to St. James Old Folks' Home, $100 to the Colored Orphans' Home, and enough money to Knox Presbyterian church of which he was a member, to pay its present indebtedness and for the necessary repairs of the church. The remainder of his estate, valued at about $10,000, he equally divided between the three grandchildren, Mesdames Elmira and Dennis Ferguson and Susan Miller. Much excitement and indignation is aroused over the adoption of a resolution protesting against the nomination of Jno. W. Postell as steward of the Western Kentucky Asylum by the white commissioners of the same. They claim "he is not a fit person for the office." Gov. Bradley will not recall the appointment, but has firmly indorsed it and is only waiting on the action of the senate for confirmation. The result of the investigation made by him forces "His Excellency" to infer that nothing interfere with the confirmation except the inconsequential fact that he is a colored man. He expresses his determination to stand by the nomination. Misses Ora Maxwell and Mamie E. Gillis have closed their schools and returned home.

Delegates Elected.

New Orleans, La., Special.

There has just adjourned here one of the most propitious, successful and providential Republican conventions ever held in this state. There was a greater display of good sense, good will and good judgement than ever before. It accomplished all it set out to do, i. e., The uniting of good feeling between the Warmouth and Kellogg factions, fusion with Populist party, the ascendency of the sugar planters and the overthrow of old factions. Already the death-knell has been sounded to the moss-back, Negro hating Democracy, and they are crying out as a "kicked dog." Their papers are teeming with blasphemous, cursing insults, and dire predictions of a change to "nigger rule," as they call it. It is a crime and insult to free-speech, the manner in which they word their condemnation both in caricature and words, and it is only dared down here where there is no respect for law and order. The wise proceeding of the convention means a great deal to the state and Nation, and to the South in general. It is a most favorable oment. It means union—a concerted effort with the strength of both the Warmoth and Kellogg factions; the ascendency of the sugar planters, the most wealthy and intelligent of the state, and above all, the defeat of the Suffrage Amendment and protection to the Negro vote. It means the building up of "New Politics" in the "New South." Henry Demas and Maddison J. Vance were the successful delegates elected to the National Republican Convention at St. Louis.

Knights of Pythias Installed.

Philadelphia, Pa., Special.

On Tuesday evening, the 28th, the Progressive Pilgrim Lodge No. 11, Knights of Pythias N. A. S. A. E. A. & A., of Lamarkin, Pa., installed the following officers: Master of Works, J. R Peterson; Chancellor Commander, J. Demby; Vice Chancellor, A. Rilley; Prelate, G. Barrett; Master of Exchequer, C. Williams; Keeper of Record and Seal, Sir T. Handy; Master of Finance, J. W. Holins; Master of Arms, N. Hemphies; Inner Guard, N. Anderson; Outer Guard, G. Young. The delegates to the Grand Lodge and trustees to be elected. The officers were installed by Grand Vice Chancellor, Sir W. H. Green, of Linwood, Pa. Keystone Division No. 409, S. P., met on the 5th, inst., and W. G. Jones, B. G., installed the following officers: Sir Knight, Capt. J. E Murray; Sir Knight Lieutenant, G. W. Cook, Sir Knight Herald, R. R. Johnson; Sir Knight Treasurer, G. H. Pruitt; Sir Knight Recorder, J D. Lisby; Sir Knight Chaplain, M N. Tribbett; Sir Knight Standard Bearer, S. Garris; Sir Knight Right Guide, W. A. Croston; Sir Knight Left Guide, C. C. Jones; Sir W. G Jones, captain of Keystones Division No. 4, U. R. of K. of P. has been commission Brigadier General for the state of Pennsylvania. Sir G. H. Truitt bugler of Keystone bugle corps who has been confined to his home with a severe pain in his back is able to be out again. The Keystone Division No. 4, have accepted an invitation to attend an entertainment of Mineola Lodge No. 1, G. U. O. of O. F., of Frankford in March.

Completed his "First Round."

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.

Rev. B. A. J. Nixon, of the North Nashville district, completed his first round of quarterly conferences, and left on the 7th for Rock Hill, Franklin and Nashville. He is highly pleased with the result of the first round. Rev. James Turner is on a visit to Columbia where his wife is engaged in teaching school. Rev. J. H. Hilt filled his pulpit on the 9th. Dennis Polk died on the 8th. Miss Lula Clay was buried on the 9th. Prof. R. P. Purdy has returned from his trip. Rev. H. A Harris is a wide-awake pastor, and does not allow the grass to grow under his feet. Mrs. Lizzie Little is on the sick list. The night school is well attended. Mrs. T. T. Ransome is coming to the front with her music. Mrs. Maggie Green was in the city on the 9th, and spent a very pleasant time Anderson Bucanan was in on the 9th. He likes The Freeman. Miss Nannie Marsh is on the sick list. Jordan Davis is giving his children an education and a trade. Mrs. Celia Kelsan is no better. Rev. R. A. Hill left on the 8th for his work. Losan Eavans, Ed. Thompson and others will spend a few days at Long View. Geo. Calhoun is on the mend. Mrs. Dr. Sandusky is on the mead. Profs. R. G. Donnell, R. P. Purdy and Miss Lucinda Washington will arrange a program for the Institute. Get The Freeman at W. H. Gosling's store.

Bishop Gaines a Visitor.

Wilberforce, O., Special.

The visit by Bishop W. J. Gaines, of Atlanta, Ga, has been like a ray of sunshine at the University. The gospel sermon of Sabbath morning, its telling illustrations drawn from a personal range of eye and ear, produced a profound impression. Bishop Arnett, Prof. Scarborough and Prof. Shorter entertained the distinguished guest. He departed for his home Friday morning Bishop Arnett is visiting in Cincinnati and Chicago. Thursday evening the Ladies' College Aid Society presented a program of exceptional merriment throughout. Over $32 was realized, net. Mrs. Campbell is again at her post. Our district school was visited by a committee of the Township Board of Education, who appreciated the good work of No. 12 school. Miss S. B. Jones, M. D., is slowly gaining ground. Prof. J. C. Jones and R. W. White are on the sick list. The developments of next week are awaited with much anxiety. The night of March 3d the trustees of Trinity church will present to the Wilberforce public Miss Ednorah Nahar, of Boston, who is an elocutionary artist of well known ability. Miss Bertha Cowan, of Oberlin, O., was called home by a telegram from her father, informing her of the serious illness of her brother.

Kind Words.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

The contribution in your Christmas number were all good, but I think Ex-Governor Pinchback's position on the Lynching question, was the best. We should be more outspoken against it. I am glad your great paper is always to the front to fight the battles of the race. It is a welcome visitor in our home. Long live The Freeman.

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STAR OF ZION CLUB.

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Cincinnati, O., Special.

The Mite Missionary society of Allen Temple meets Sunday at 3 p. m. A varied and interesting program is promised. Rev. McGuire, the new pastor of St. Andrews' Mission, is meeting with unbounded success in his new field of labor. The choir, which consists of thirty-one vestry members, is one of the best in the city. Next Sunday a large number will be baptized by Rev. Frank Pope. The Star of Zion club will give an entertainment on the 27th, at St John's A. M. E. Zion church. The Shining Light Tabernacle, composed of juveniles, will give a swell concert at Pythian hall, on the 19th, at which some of our best local talent will appear. The Leap Year concert given at the Ninth Street M. E. church last Thursday night, was a brilliant success. Rev. Morris' address, "The Mysteries of Sleep," was the hit of the evening. The funeral of Ex-policeman Chas. Wright last Sunday from Allen Temple, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, was more largely attended than any funeral in this city for many years. The feeling exhibited by our white fellow citizens, was indeed marvelous. Although Mr. Wright was an honored member of the Masonic order and Col. R. G. Shaw's Post, G. A. R, all of the pall bearers were chosen from his white co-laborers. Rev. Jas. M. Gilmere officiated, and the verdict, "Truly this day a great man has fallen in Zion," was pronounced by all. Mr. Wright leaves a widow, Mrs. Cecelia Wright, and a host of friends to mourn his demise. Mrs. J. Milton Turner, of St. Louis, who is a sister to the bereaved widow, was present at the funeral, as was also Mrs. Thomas Floyd, of Indianapolis, who is a sister to the deceased.

WALNUT HILL NOTES.

Miss Minnie E. Scott entertained Thursday evening with an informal card party at her residence, 1110 West Minster avenue, Walnut Hill. Among those present were, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Price, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Todd, Misses Mamie Washington, Mary Richardson, Essie McMillian, Minnie Williams, Rachel Morgan, Annie and Rachel Fagin, Pearl Scott, Messrs. R. B. Miller, Frank Hall, O. Early, H. Simpson, C. A. Hunster, J. B. Nealy. The friends of Mrs. Charles Tucker will be glad to learn that she has recovered from her recent illness, You can imagine the popularity of The Freeman from the fact that it simply vanquished many of our local colored papers last week. It is rumored the United Daughters of Friendship will have a war at their next monthly meeting. There are $200 missing from their treasury. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Daniels will be pained to learn that both are seriously ill, They are among the oldest residents of the Hill and are well liked by everyone who know them. Miss Annie Elder, who became serioussy ill last week, is out again. It is rumored that "The Crescens" will entertain Prof. J. R. Bishop, principal of the Walnut Hill high school, and Prof. Venable, who has the literary seat in the same institution. Clark Hampton, the artist, has been ill with the measles.

Cupids Arrow.

Ft. Huachuca, Ariz. Ter., Special.

Invitations are out for the wedding of Sergt. Rose and Miss L. E. Lyman. Owing to the illness of Mrs. M. C. Mathews, she resigned the presidency of the Fred. Douglass literary society, There are two weddings in the near future, so Madame Rumor has it. Troop A., 1st Cavalry has been stationed at this post. Mrs. H. Giles and two children have been very sick with lagrippe. Sergt. E Williams is the happiest man in the post, because a little boy came to stay the rest of his existence in the Sergeant's home. The young men of the post gave a stagg ball last Thursday night. A charming little Miss from the East is to visit friends here very soon. The post Chapel has been repaired and now it presents a beautiful appearance on the inside. The Foot Light club contemplate giving a Valentine, and the young ladies a Leap Year ball this month. It is predicted that both will be elaborate and grand. Mr. Phillips is happy—a fine baby girl.

Wedding Bells.

Paducah, Ky,, Special.

The marriage of D. R. Avant to Miss Fannie Carter took place at the Washington street Baptist church on the 4th inst., before a large congragation. The bride was led to the altar by Mr. David Vinegar and the groom by Mr. Ben Grundy followed by Mahala Bradshaw and Mamie Jones as the little flower girls. They were showered with a large number of valuable presents. Their residence will be at the corner of Eight and Jackson streets. The church was nicely decorated for the occasion. Alvin Logan presided at the organ while George Grundy and Richard Logan acted as ushers. Mrs. Dr. O'Neil of Henderson is in the city visiting Mrs. Alice Owens on Seventh street. H. B. Davis will open in a few days at 221 S. Seventh street with one of the neatest tonsorial shops in the city. Every thing will be first class, and he should have a large patronage. A valentine entertainment under the management of J. A. Morton and M. G. Brooks took place at the Odd Fellow's Hall on the 14th. Jerry Lee is still confined to his bed. Pleas Jennings is on the sick list. The Odd Fellow's annual sermon will take place at the Seventh street Baptist church on the first Sunday in March. Frank Owens formerly of this city, but now of Seattle Wash., is learning to be a first class clarinettist. Mazel, the snake charmer, is still in the city mystifying large audiences. There is a number of young men who never miss a performance. Get The Freeman every Saturday from Minor Bradshaw 419 Jackson street.

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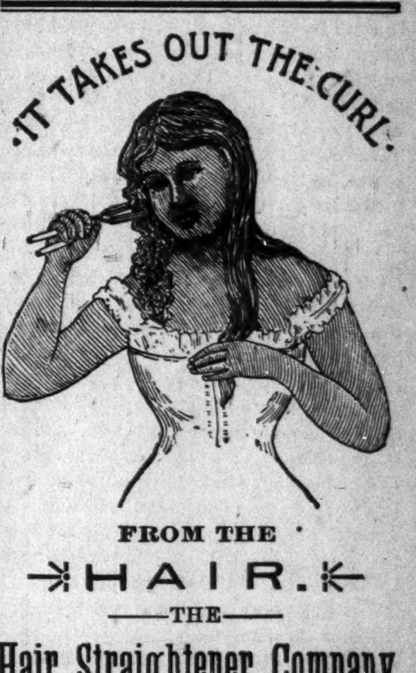

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THE NEGRO PROBLEM.

WHAT? WHENCE? WHY? HOW—AN INTERESTING PAPER

By Miss Lillian O. Crenshaw, Read Before the Zion Baptist Literary Society, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Negro Problem is a subject that has been discussed for some time, and yet has not been decided or solved. What is the Negro Problem, Whence sprang this question? Why has the Negro attracted so much attention? How is this problem to be solved? After all what will be the result? The great question is, what is to be done with the Negro? The Negro, since his emancipation, has made such rapid progress and has developed such magnanimity that it has aroused the jealousy of his Caucasian brother to be forcibly brought to the realization of the fact that in the Negro—that down-trodden, much despised people, he has such a successful rival. The Caucasian now realizes that if the Negro had within his grasp two-thirds, nay, one half the advantages that he (the Caucasian) possesses, he (the Negro) would accomplish far more in the same length of time than the Caucasian has.

It is an acknowledged fact that the Negro possesses genius in inventive power, in literature and all other branches. By whom is this problem to be solved? I say, let the Negro solve his own problem. He has the ability, the energy and stickuoitiveness to accomplish whatever he may attempt. How is the Negro to solve this problem? First, he will start out in life with a set purpose in view. He will educate himself just as far as is possible for him to do so. He will push and struggle and strive for the end he hopes to gain. He will start at the lowest round of the ladder and climb step by step, not hastily, but steadily and firmly, and when he starts, others will lend him a helping hand and do all that they can to assist him in his onward course.

Alexander the Great had an ugly scar on his forehead, received in battle. When the great artist, Sebastian painted his portrait, he sketched him leaning on his elbow, with his finger covering the scar. There was the likeness with the scar hidden. So let us in solving this problem study to paint with the finger of charity upon the scar of a brother, hiding the ugly mark, and revealing only the beautiful and good. Rev. G. S. Parker says: "Continual dropping wears a stone." So persevering labor will gain for us our object. It is a virtue wanted, a lion-hearted purpose of victory. It is this that builds, constructs, accomplishes whatever is great, good and valuable. Perseverance built the pyramids of Egypt, erected the great magnificent temple of Jerusalem, reared the seven-hilled city of Rome. It develops the most available and successful kind of mental power that can be made by the hand of cultivation.

Another great element to aid in the solution of this problem is energy, invincible determination, a purpose, once fixed—then death or victory. Never suffer your energies to stagnate There is no genius of life like that of energy and industry. Earnest determined minds, which reckon the value of every hour and profit thereby are the ones who are successful. We cannot afford to stop or pause because of difficulties, disappointments and discouragements. No matter what our environments may be, or what barriers obstruct our path, all will vanish before a stout heart and resolute energy of soul. The busy world shoves angrily aside the man who stands with arms akimbo, and he who waits to have his task marked out shall die and leave his errand unfilled.

He must and will save his earnings in order to gain wealth. He will study to secure education. Above all he will not neglect his duty to his Creator. The result will be that instead of the opposition and closed doors that now confront us, every door will be thrown open, every opposition will fade into oblivion. There are many other points that we might well consider, but time forbids the discussion of them now. For a successful solving of this problem, I would advise the strict observance of two mottos, namely, "Per aspera ad astra," and "Labor omnia vincit." Were I to give a rule for the solving of this problem it would be as follows: Wealth and education, plus perseverance and no restriction, equals a solution of the Negro Problem.

Lynchers Acquitted.

Fayettsville, Tenn., Special.

The sensation of the town for the past week has been the trial of the participants in the recent lynching of two colored men in this town. The officials arrested about forty train robbers in the town—robbing the State of the two prisoners who were on their way to prison. The forty men were charged with interfering with the U. S., mail. All came clear; and the next train that passes through this "neck of the woods" with some Negroes charged with a crime, will be robbed again. The U. S. is powerless in these "diggins."

The revival is still in progress at the C. P. Church and "Cussing Tott" is yet master of the situation, and is hurling red-hot enathemas at the ungodly. Miss Mary McDonald, Miss Betty Todd, Miss Lavinia Commons, Mesdames J. A. Jones and H. B. McChristian will read papers at the Allen Day celebration. Solon McGaw will re-respond to the welcome address at the Allen banquet. About seventy-five students have been enrolled in Lincoln High School. This is good for the first month. The principal of this institution has succeed in arousing quite an educational revival in our midst. The board of education, at its last meeting, voted to run a nine months school hereafter, a thing never before done in this town. The Old Folks concert at the Baptist Church was quite a success. Ed. Robinson was the star. Lincoln High School will give a social quite soon. The new literary society meets at the school house. It is meeting with success Miss Charlott Robinson is at home again. She is doing mission work. A Bible Band will soon be organized at the A. M. E. church by Miss Robinson. Mrs. Addie Bright, who has been confined to her room for four months, is getting better. Rev. D. W. Binford, of Merry's Chapel, preached at the St. Paul A. M. E. church for Rev. J. A. Jones last Sunday night. The Lord's supper was administered. Miss Tilitha Carliss is attending Lincoln High school and is improving rapidly. Miss Mary Rhodes is one of Fayettsville's coming musicians. Naz. Hall is doing well at his new restaurant. Go there to get a square meal for the money. Willie Jones will handle The Freeman on the streets. Call at Wiley Commons at any time for them.

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The Boston, Mass., ministers have organized an Inter-Denominational Ministerial Association.

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Bishop Grant held the Florida Conference of the A. M. E. church at Monticello, Fla., last week.

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A literary society at Cripple Creek, Colo, is named Handy in honor of Bishop Handy of the A. M. E. church.

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Most of the A. M. E. churches throughout the United States have held memorial services in honor of Bishop A. W. Wayman.

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Rev. I. B. Birchie, of Houston, the pastor of St. Mark Baptist church has about completed one of the most handsome church edifices in Texas,

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The Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Societies of the Little Rock, Ark., conference, have made progress this conference year.

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Rev. W. J. Barnett, pastor of the Pleasant Grove Baptist church, and Miss Frances Henry are to be united in marriage in Springfield, Ill.

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The Eighteenth annual session of the Little Rock conference, was called to order at 9:30 a. m., Wednesday, Jan. 22d, with Bishop W. X. Ninde, D. D. LL. D., in the chair.

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Memorial services in honor of Rev. L. M. Luke, late Foreign Mission Secretary of the National Baptist Convention, were held in Fifth Street church, Louisville, Ky., under the auspices of the M. and D. conference.

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Hon. Elijah Shaw, the founder of Shaw University, died at his home in Wales, Mass., Tuesday morning last at the advanced age of eighty years. In the death of Mr. Shaw the race has sustained a great loss. Mr. Shaw was quite a wealthy man and always gave liberally to the support of that institution. Shaw University has done and is doing much for the elevation of the Negro and for humanity.

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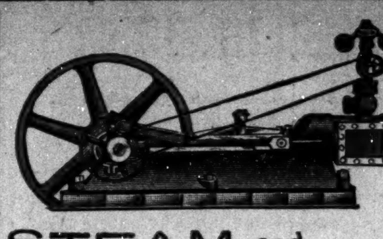

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"Wall, it is so, whether you believe it or not. Why, I see a feller jest now who sez he don't believe anybody would ever die at all, if they kep' themselves kinder wet through all the time with this water."

"Oh, shaw!" sez I. (I seldom say shaw, but this seemed to me a time for shawin'.)

But Josiah kep' on, for he wus fearfully excited. Sez he, "Why, the fellow said, there wuz a old man who lived right by the side of this spring, and felt the effects of it inside and out all the time, it wuz so healthy there. Why the old man kep' on a livin', and a livin', till he got to be a hundred. And he wuz kinder lazy naturally and he got tired of livin'. He said he wuz tired of gettin' up mornin's and dressin' of him, tired of pullin' on his boots and drawin' on his trowses, and he told his grandson Sam to take him up to Troy and let him die.

"Wall, Sam took him up to Troy, and he died right away, almost. And Sam bein' a good hearted chap, thought it would please the old man to be buried down by the spring, that healthy spot. So he took him back there in a wagon he borrowed. And when he got clost to the spring, Sam heard a sithe, and he looked back, and there the old gentleman wuz a settin' up a leanin' his head on his elbo, and he sez, in a sort of a sad way, not mad, but melancholly, '**You hadn't ort to done it, Sam. You hadn't ort to. I'm in now for another hundred years.**'"

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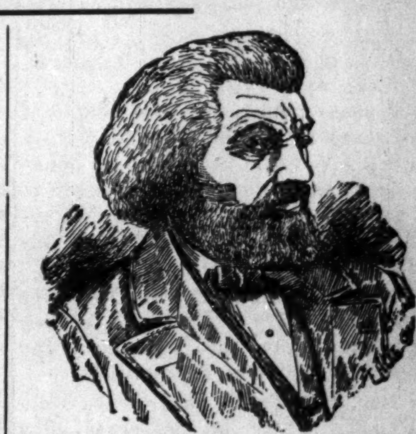

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Chas. Ferguson has returned from a trip through Northern Indiana.

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Rev. E B. Martin was at Richmond during the early part of this week.

William Brookins is having a good time at Louisville among friends.

Bruce Williams was in Anderson last week in the interest of The Freeman.

Ollie Dempsey and Tom Brown of Cincinnati, O., were in the city last week.

Charlie Turner's house on Colorado avenue, was destroyed by fire. Total loss.

Lawyer J. T. V. Hill has added $400 improvement to his property, 112 Martindale avenue.

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Miss Louisa Harris, the daughter of patrolman Harris, is very ill at her home on Prospect street.

A soul stirring revival is being held at Olive Baptist church on Coburn street nightly, which promises a continuance for an indefinite time.

Mrs. Carolina Nelson is seeking a bill of divorce from her husband Warren Nelson in the Superior Court of this county. Attorney J. T. V. Hill appears for the plaintiff.

George Ballard, an old resident who resides on North Clinton street, is lying seriously ill with the la grippe.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williams, East Seventh street, celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary last week.

William Jackson, of Louisville, Ky., agent of the Wells Fargo Express company, was in the city last week.

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The Misses Mamie Collins, Ora Spires and Allie Morgan were the colored graduates from the high school this half year ending in February.

Rev. A. Campbell has returned from Illinois, where he has organized a church of twenty-five members. He will begin a series of meetings at the Second Christian church on Sunday at 8 p. m.

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Miss Leota Taylor served tea Sunday evening at her residence, 182 W. Michigan street, for the following friends. Miss Clara Smith, Mr. Jones, Miss Bertha Anderson, Mr. Leeper English and Mr. Eugene Watkins.

George J. Dawson, assisted by Mrs. Georgia Porter has opened a school of music at the Ninth Presbyterian church.

Literary Society.

The Booker T. Washington debating circle and literary society was organized Friday night Feb. 7th at Jones Tabernacle, corner North and Blackford streets. Only such papers and discussions will be entertained by the society as are of current and practical interest to the colored man as an American citizen. Two nights in each week will be devoted to debates only. The president selecting the subjects and naming the disputants. The remaining two nights in the month alternating with the nights set apart for debates, will be devoted to miscelleanous literary exercises, reading, vocal and instrumental music, recitations, paper etc. The offices of judges and critics will be dispensed with. Every fifth night will be "Washington Night" on which occasions special brilliant programs will be offered. The society meets each Friday night.

"SWAMP ANGEL" ON THE WING.

Incarcerated in a prison cell, still languishes the young man, of whom mention was made in our last. If public opinion counts for anything, he has already been convicted, and will serve three, five or seven years in the Prison North. Meanwhile, his admiring friends who knew him so well in prosperity, who were the first ones to put him in nomination for a Sunday school superintendent, a leader of Y. P. S. C., or a committee on some social affair, are now busily engaged conjuring up all evil reports concerning said young man since a prattling child at his mother's knee. Before his incarceration, while passing along the street, two of his friends who had enjoyed his hospitality and that of his young wife, closely drew their unpolluted (?) garments about them and re-crossed the streets several times for fear of contamination. And yet, can we wonder at this, when even the church locked its doors in his face? Whether these accusations are true or false, we can neither affirm nor deny, but it is the principle of the thing. We want friends who will stand the test—in adversity as well as prosperity. And then too,

"His faults lie open to the laws let them,
Not you correct them."

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As is our custom, we dropped in to see Aunt Betsey yesterday, and have a pleasant chat. Ere our conversation ended, we naturally drifted into church affairs, dwelling largely on the recent revivals. We insisted that much good had been accomplished along these lines, and that the divine light seemed to shine forth in refulgent rays, penetrating the dark, sinful hearts of the most callous. Aunty reflected a moment then said:

"No use, honey, 'cause it won't last. Why two or three years ago there was a great religious 'wakening here; you could scarcely find a young person that didn't have religion—it was a fad—jes' like that Trilby craze. I was so happy I went to church most ever night for four weeks, as crippled up as I is with the rheumatiz. It wasn't long after revivals that I noticed lukewarmness, and the next thing I knowed, my boy John Abraham Moses, what ain't no church member, come home laughing about the 'shining lights' 'bucking the tiger,' whatever that is; and would you believe me? There is my granddaughter's husband's sister's daughter who had so much religion she even went to prayer meetin', and was talkin' to all the sinners about gittin' religion, and bless you, honey, she went to 'Vinegar,' or some sich hall and danced till three o'clock tother week. No honey, taint so much what they say, as what they do, these days."

Agreed! so saying, we bade her good bye, and went down the street and met a good old shouting sister who said she had been lucky—had hit "polly," and she could now go to church and pay the preacher, and besides get her self a new dress.

Corinthian Notes

The revival services at the Corinthian Baptist church have closed. The ordinance of baptism will be administered the first Sunday in March. There were seven conversions and seven additions to the church by letter and christian experience.

Rev. H. H. Harris closed his first series of "Illustrated Sermons" last Sunday evening. The second series will begin next Sunday evening.

Rev. Puller of Kentucky, preached an interesting sermon last Sunday morning.

Couldn't Stay Away.

About two weeks ago, Dr. Wesley Robbins, one of our most eminent physicians, dropped in our office to bid us good-bye, and departed at once for Springfield, O., to fling his shingle to the Buckeye breezes. He returned last Saturday a willing penitent, and can be found at his old quarters in the Piel Block.

Sisters of Charity.

The Sisters of Charity gave a reception in honor of Mrs. Henrietta Woodring, their president, Tuesday evening, Feb. 4th. The refreshments were served in fourteen courses and consisted of all the delicacies of the season. A large number of the members were in attendance.

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Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.

Miss K. M. Daugherty is quite ill. Rev. J. E. Smith has been invited to deliver an address in Boston, Mass., with the president of Harvard University on "Higher Education." George Ray died at his home on Montgomery avenue last week. An autopsy was held over his body by Drs. J. B. Dickson, A. J. Love, O. W. James and T. W. Haigler. They found that his death was caused by an aneurism of the transverse part of the arch of the aorta, just as was diagnosed by Dr. J. B. Dickson, his attending physician. Mrs. George Watson is quite ill at her home on Long street. There was quite a select entertainment at the residence of Mrs. W. F. Jackson on Green street. Those present were Misses Evalena Myrick, Mamie Williams, Mary Harris, Nell Heggie, Ada Parker, Messrs. E. C. Wickliffe, S. L. Heggie, S. W. Jordan, E. E. Russell, John Harris, and Al Owens. They participated in music and dancing until quite a late hour, and after serving a very elaborate repast, the merry party left for their homes. On Friday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hawkins on Chestnut street was one of the largest gatherings of Chattanooga's best people at a social that has mingled together on such an occasion for a number of years. The courtesy accorded the merry party by Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins was very much appreciated.

Dr. C. S. Boyd, who has just graduated from the dental department at Meharry Medical College spent a few days in the city last week, and was the guest of Prof. J. C. Wallace. The Association of Medicine and Surgery met at the office of Dr. T. W. Haigler Friday night, and the paper prepared by Dr. Dickson on pneumonia was very interesting and instructive. Miss Hattie Davis is improving very rapidly. Dr. R. W. Allen has been appointed in the railway mail service. D. W. Crawford is meeting with much success in his night school at the K. of Wise Men's Hall on Broad street. I wish to say to those that turnish me with news items, please "tell the truth," as I shall not be responsible for items received from any one. C. E. Newton, agent. It was a mistake about Miss Daisy Lowndes having been accorded a surprise by Queen Esther's Court No. 51. The Freeman is only 15c every four weeks. Rev. M. Vann held very interesting sermons at his church all day last Sunday. Rev. Brawley of Atlanta was not present as was expected. The music rendered by the choir was excellent. The congregation numbered about 1200, and the collection was good. In a few weeks we will have a cut of Rev. Vann, and also his church in this paper. You don't want to miss it. G W. Franklin is able to be out again after a few day's illness. Leave your order for this paper at Dr. O. W James' drug store, 403 West Ninth street.

Sickness and Death.

Peoria, Ill., Special.

Mt. Zion Baptist church was dedicated Sunday Feb. 9th. In our midst are many deaths. A great many are sick, Elmer Johnson and Willie Washington, Mrs. I. T. Comsey, Earl Moody, Miss Edna South, Wanna Boone T. Jackson are on the sick list. Mrs. E. Wade was called to the bedside of her sick sister, Miss L. White, in Decatur, Ill. Miss White was a teacher and accepted her school last Sept. at Bay Bottom, Ill., but came home the last of Nov. on account of poor health, her recovery is not looked for. The A. M. E. church has had a grand revival meeting. Rev. Chas. Holmes of Lincoln, Ill., and Rev. T. N. Mudd was assisting Rev. Woods and their faithful work added thirty to the church. Rev. Mudd, the cyclone evangelist, has been secured to aid the Baptist in their religious effort. Mr. T. C. and F. L. Moody were in the city the guest of their brother, W. H. Moody The Bradly band gave a banquet last Monday evening—crowd was small.

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